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protection districts remain following the merger. The amendments state that all political subdivisions subject to the approval of the municipal county for their levy will continue to exist after creation of the municipal county. This includes many miscellaneous districts, such as fire districts, the...road improvement districts, cemetery districts, hospital districts, historical societies, agriculture societies, drainage districts, airport authorities. And there is quite a list of those. I think it's important that we state clearly in this bill that these political subdivisions remain following the creation of a new county municipal conglomeration. With that, open for discussion. I have concerns about this. And I don't know what Senator Schimek thinks about it, or Senator Wickersham. But I think it needs to be addressed. And I would like to see it part of the bill. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schimek would move to amend the Janssen amendment. (AM1920, Legislative Journal page 1893.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schimek, to open on your amendment to the amendment.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes. Thank you. Mr. President, members, I have a one-word amendment that I would like to offer on this Janssen amendment, because I believe you would defeat the whole purpose of the bill if you left the language as it is. And as is, the language says that all political subdivisions which are within the boundaries of the municipal county shall continue to exist after formation of the municipal county. It seems to me that that would really prohibit the whole purpose of the merger. And so I would like to change "shall" to "may", so that political subdivisions could stay within the municipal county, but they would not have to stay. Because, I mean, part of the purpose of all of this is that you consolidate and make more efficient your government. And if you can't get rid of any political subdivisions at all, then there's no purpose to the bill, I don't believe. And so I would ask that you would adopt my amendment to the amendment. And Senator Janssen, I guess I've talked with you about this. But I don't really know if